

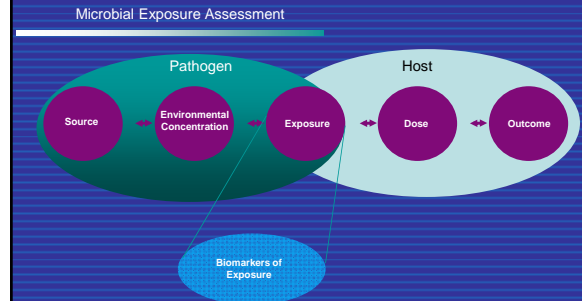
New Approaches to Microbial Exposure Assessment

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Risk Assessment Paradigm



Biomarkers of microbial exposure

- Antibodies
- Cytokines
- Proteins
- Gases

Human specimens for biomarker assay

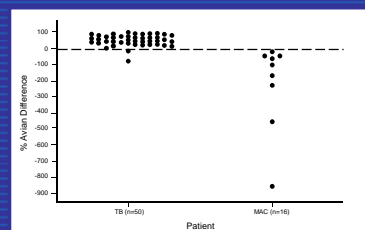
- Saliva (crevicular fluid)
- Urine
- Feces
- Blood/Serum

Uses of biomarkers of microbial exposure

- Determine the prevalence of exposure for large populations
- Determine demographic groups at risk
- Determine regional "hot spots"
- Determine etiological agents that cause illness
- Provide endpoints for epidemiological studies
- Starting point for exposure reconstruction

Discrimination between TB and MAC

(50 cases of TB and 10 of MAC lymphadenitis)



Stapledon et al 2002

